

# A Guide to Learning at the Battlefield

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## The What and How of Field Trips to Kennesaw Mountain Battlefield

You are encouraged to bring your students to Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park for a unique learning experience. The site provides visitors with a blend of cultural and natural history, which may be explored with or without guided instruction. Planning to stop in the Visitor Center? Here you may view the park's 20-minute film and also see actual Civil War artifacts in the museum. Want to see Civil War-era earthworks? Want to know what an earthwork is? Go by Cheatham Hill, the location of some of the South's largest collection of original earthworks and where the battle's heaviest fighting took place in 1864. You can rough it by discovering some of the park's 2,888 acres using our 16-plus miles of hiking trails or take it easy and travel by automobile.

### Planning Your Visit

There are two types of programs available: **guided** and **self-guided**. Guided programs are available on Mondays and Tuesdays only.

- Reservations must be made two weeks prior to the intended date of your visit. *There are no exceptions.*
- Be sure to have two different dates in mind for your visit in case your first choice has already been taken.
- To see what dates are available, visit [www.my.calendars.net/kemoschoolvisits](http://www.my.calendars.net/kemoschoolvisits).
- Be aware that school groups are limited to no more than 50 students (excluding chaperones/teachers). If your group is larger than that, please consider visiting on multiple days.
- All trips are made by reservation ONLY; no phone reservations are accepted. To reserve a date and program, please complete the reservation form. Upon receipt of your form, you will receive an emailed confirmation of your date including an itinerary for your visit.
- Please remember that formal school programs (this includes self guided) are available only during the August-May school year. The Battlefield follows the Cobb County School System's academic calendar. Please click [here](#) to see their calendar.
- You and your students may picnic here on the grounds; the picnic areas are, however, first- come, first-served. The Battlefield does not provide lunches.

### What Can Your Students Learn Here?

Students can take part in some great educational programs, all of which meet Georgia State curriculum standards for teaching the Civil War! These programs are designed to educate and entertain (with an emphasis on EDUCATE) your students in the surroundings where actual historical events happened. If watching our film and touring the museum are all you have time to do, this hallowed place will still make an indelible impression upon you. The following is just a sample of the knowledge you can gain.

#### You will learn:

- ...why the Civil War is an important turning point in American history;
- ...that no matter one's race, ethnicity or place of birth in America, the Civil War is every Americans' story. Without these tragic and triumphant battles, our country would not be the place we know it as today;
- ...about the men and women who sacrificed their lives and way of life to the ugliness of war;
- ...how technology changed during the course of the Civil War and its impact upon combat.



We look forward to seeing you soon!